

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following *new* paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This U.S. National stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-340515, filed in Japan on September 30, 2003 the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten version:

Some indoor units of air conditioners are equipped with a casing with an opening provided at the front thereof and a movable panel. Such a movable panel is provided such that it covers the opening of the casing, and the movable panel opens the opening by moving away from the opening and closes the opening by moving close to the opening. In addition, in order to move the movable panel in such a way, indoor units of air conditioners are often equipped with a drive portion and a driving force transmission portion such as a gear and a cam for transmitting a driving force of the drive portion to the movable panel (~~refer to Patent Document 1~~see, for example, Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-12821). By the driving force transmission portion, a driving force of the drive portion is transmitted to the movable panel, and the movable panel opens and closes.

Please remove the paragraph at page 1, line 16 as follows:

~~<Patent Document 1>~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 1, line 17 as follows:

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Please replace the heading at page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

Please remove the heading at page 4, line 3, as follows:

~~DESCRIPTION OF THE REFERENCE SYMBOLS~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 4, line 4 as follows:

- 1 — air conditioner
- 2 — indoor unit
- 27 — first intake port (opening)
- 41 — driving machine (drive portion)
- 60 — front grill (casing)
- 68 — second panel supporting member (opening and closing member)
- 72 — second panel (movable panel)
- 680 — second gear portion (driving force transmission portion)
- 681 — plate member

Please replace the heading at page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten version:

~~BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION

Please replacing the heading at page 24, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

CLAIMS WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: